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In response to the Office Action of November 22, 2002, please enter this amendment and consider the following remarks for the patent application identified above.

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Please cancel claims 8, 23, and 58 without prejudice.